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TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW IMMEDIATE  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 184444

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDIP, ASEC, UR, US

SUBJECT: JULY 20 INCIDENT INVOLVING MILITIA ATTACK ON  
EMBASSY OFFICER: DEPARTMENT PROTEST TO SOVIET EMBASSY

REF: MOSCOW 16993

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY GEORGE VEST CALLED IN SOVIET  
CHARGE VASEV JULY 20 TO PROTEST MILITIA ATTACK ON EMBASSY  
OFFICER RAY SMITH AND ATTENDANT VIOLATION OF EXTRA-  
TERRITORIALITY THAT OCCURRED IN MOSCOW TODAY.

2. VEST GAVE VASEV PROTEST NOTE NEARLY IDENTICAL TO PARA  
3 REFTEL AND STRESSED ORALLY OUR DISPLEASURE AT THE ATTACK  
ON SMITH AND THE SOVIET MILITIA'S GROSS VIOLATION OF THE  
EMBASSY'S TERRITORY. IN THIS REGARD, HE EMPHASIZED THAT  
BOTH STATES ARE COMMITTED TO RESPECT THE EXTRA-TERRITORIAL  
STATUS OF EACH OTHER'S DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENTS AND THAT  
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NO OFFICIAL OF EITHER NATION HAS THE RIGHT TO VIOLATE THAT  
STATUS. FINALLY, HE EXPRESSED CONCERN AT MFA RELUCTANCE  
TO RECEIVE IMMEDIATELY US EMBASSY OFFICIALS SEEKING TO  
PROTEST SMITH INCIDENT. VEST POINTED OUT TO VASEV THAT  
THE DEPARTMENT ALWAYS MAKES EVERY EFFORT TO RECEIVE SOVIET  
EMBASSY OFFICIALS AS SOON AS THEY REQUEST A CALL.

3. VASEV RESERVED COMMENT ON SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST, NOTING THAT HE HAD NO INFORMATION FROM MOSCOW, BUT HE PROMISED TO REPORT PROTEST. VANCE

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